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Please deliver immediately following letter from President to Prime Minister Ikeda:

QTE: Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am most grateful for the understanding expressed in your letter of October 25, and also in your Government's earlier statement through the Chief Cabinet Secretary, of the circumstances which have compelled this Government to act as it has to meet the threat of Soviet offensive missile bases in Cuba. There is no need for me to tell you that your hope that this dangerous situation can be peacefully resolved through the United Nations is shared by every American. The support and cooperation which your Government has offered to this end are warmly welcomed and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John F. Kennedy UNQTE.

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